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DATE: 3 DECEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ESTIMATES PACT GROUND STRENGTH

REF : OSR MORNING BRIEFING, 3 DEC 74, SECRET

AN EDITORIAL IN THIS MORNING'S EDITION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES INCLUDED ESTIMATES OF SOVIET AND WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES STRENGTH IN EUROPE. THE ARTICLE INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS 460,000 GROUND FORCE TROOPS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THIS FIGURE, ALTHOUGH A LITTLE LOW, IS FAIRLY ACCURATE IF ONLY SOVIET TROOPS IN POLAND, EAST GERMANY, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE CONSIDERED. THE FIGURE FOR THE NUMBER OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS "AS A WHOLE" [REDACTED] CPYRGHT HOWEVER, IS MISLEADING. THE NEW YORK TIMES SUGGESTS THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES IN EUROPE IS 925,000. THIS FIGURE IS NEARLY ACCURATE FOR POLISH, EAST GERMAN AND

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CZECHOSLOVAKIAN GROUND FORCES, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE OF
THE OTHER PACT COUNTRIES. E-2 IMPDET-H

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